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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 07 May 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Khanna et al. (US 2006/0168311).

Regarding claim 1, Khanna et al. disclose a method of accessing a media access control (MAC) address or a 1394 globally unique identifier (GUID) serial number for a network interface controller (NIC) comprising:

storing the MAC address or the 1394 GUID serial number into a basic input/output system (BIOS) (see Figure 1 reference numeral 108, paragraph 4, and paragraph 18, the special BIOS routines and instructions control operation of the NIC and direct data for the console redirection to a desired destination; in order for the special BIOS to send data packets to the NIC, the special BIOS needs to have MAC addresses of the NIC stored in the BIOS); and

loading the MAC address or the 1394 GUID serial number from the BIOS into an operational register of the NIC (see paragraph 12 lines 12-16).

Claim 5 is also rejected for the same reason above because the ROM could be a CMOS ROM.

Regarding claims 2 and 6, Khanna et al. disclose a method of accessing a MAC address or a 1394 GUID serial number further comprising checking if the NIC is enabled (see paragraph 18, transmission to the network based on the communication protocols);

regarding claims 3 and 7, further comprising checking if the MAC address is valid (see paragraph 18, transmission to the network based on the communication protocols);

regarding claim 4, storing the MAC address or the 1394 GUID serial number into a BIOS comprises storing the MAC address or the 1394 GUID serial number into a desktop management interface of the BIOS (see paragraph 18).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Decker et al. (US 6,128,694) and Ono (US 6,609,152) are cited to show methods considered pertinent to the claimed invention.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pao Sinkantarakorn whose telephone number is 571-270-1424. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on 571-272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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